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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Needle-guide device, particularly for ultrasound probes and combination of an ultrasound probe and said needle-guide device, the specification of which

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